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Erin,

Here is Jeff Mitchell's response (ironically – he's in asbestos training today).

Everything that is not wood, metal, plastic or glass is a suspect asbestos containing material and the only way to tell if it has asbestos is to take samples. Visually is not going to give you valuable info. From a financial stand point it will cost much more to go up twice (once for visual, then again to sample). It's terribly inefficient. Also when you factor in the cost of sample analysis (the labs we use charge us [Ex. 4 - CBI] per sample), the most expensive thing is labor not the labs. I think John estimated 200 samples, so if we take that many it would cost [Ex. 4 - CBI] plus our contract-allowed markup, so you're looking at roughly under [Ex. 4 - CBI] just taking a few samples really won't tell you much.

We can reduce the number down to between 50 to 100 to save a little on costs and field time and that would still give him flexibility.

What do you think?

-Mike

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